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1. APRIL 18 STR (BRUNGART, WOLFF) DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS WITH GHERSON AND WADDELL OF CANADIAN EMBASSY. AFTER HEARING OUR EXPLANATION OF REASONS FOR US/EC REQUEST FOR GATT COUNCIL DECISION ON ARTICLE XXVIII TIME LIMITS, GHERSON INDICATED WE COULD COUNT ON CANADIAN SUPPORT.

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2. WE ALSO DESCRIBED TYPE OF SOLUTION WE EXPLORING WITH EC ON GRAIN. GHERSON THEN FILLED US IN ON STATUS CANADIAN/

EC 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS. SAID CANADA HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED
THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL EC RESPONSE TO MINISTER
GILLESPIE'S JANUARY 28 LETTER TO SOAMES. CANADIAN MISSION
BRUSSELS INSTRUCTED TO RAISE 24:6 WITH COMMISSION AND TAKE
TOUCH LINE SO THAT EC UNDER NO MISAPPREHENSION SETTLEMENT
WITH U.S. WOULD BE END-ALL OF 24:6 (CANADIAN APPROACH IN
BRUSSELS NOT YET MADE. PLEASE PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY.)
CANADIANS WILL BE POINTING OUT THEY HAVE DOLS 580 MILLION OF
RIGHTS RECOGNIZED BY EC, LARGELY CEREALS, AND IT ESSENTIAL
THEY HAVE CONCESSION ON WHEAT/BARLEY OR HAVE RIGHTS
CARRIED OVER TO MTN (AND SUBSEQUENTLY IF MTN RESULTS ON
GRAIN INADEQUATE). WE WISHED CANADA WELL IN APPROACH TO
EC, AND NOTED U.S. AND CANADIAN POSITIONS SIMILAR IN DESIR-
ING FULL RETENTION GRAINS RIGHTS. KISSINGER

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